The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was <u>not</u> written for publication in a law journal and is <u>not</u> binding precedent of the Board.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte JOSEPH R. BYRUM, THOMAS J. La ROSA, and GREGORY R. HECK

Application 09/960,481

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

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Before FLEMING, <u>Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>, HARKCOM, <u>Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>, ADAMS, <u>Administrative Patent Judge</u>.

Per curiam.

On July 26, 2004, appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. On December 23, 2005, appellants filed a communication requesting that this application be expressly abandoned in view of a continuing application filed December 22, 2005.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the appeal filed July 26, 2004, is dismissed.

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The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

Michael R. Fleming, Chief Administrative Patent Judge

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